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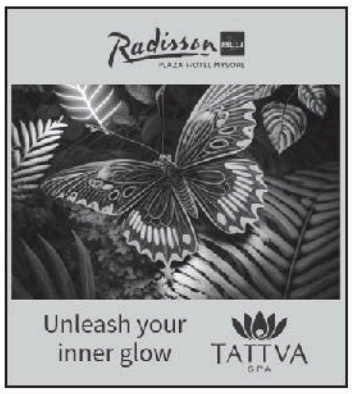


Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway Ring Road junction widened

Length of medians reduced to enable movement of more vehicles

Mysuru, May 23 (RK&BS)- The City Police have found a stop-gap solution to prevent the frequent traffic snarls at the ever busy Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway Ring Road junction (Kempegowda Circle) near Manipal Hospital. The jurisdictional Narasimharaja (NR) Traffic Police today started widening the Circle by removing and reinstalling the poles of signal lights, with the help of cranes, by about 10-feet away from the earlier spot.

The length of the medians stretching towards the Circle from all the four sides are also reduced so that four to five vehicles can zip past at a time, thus reducing the passage time of the vehicles during rush hours.

The 42.5 kms long Outer Ring Road of Mysuru connects Bengaluru Road, Bannur Road, T. Narasipur Road, Nanjangud Road and Hunsur Road, passing through many junctions, with Mysuru-Bengaluru Road junction being the most busiest one.

(See HIGHWAY on page 5)

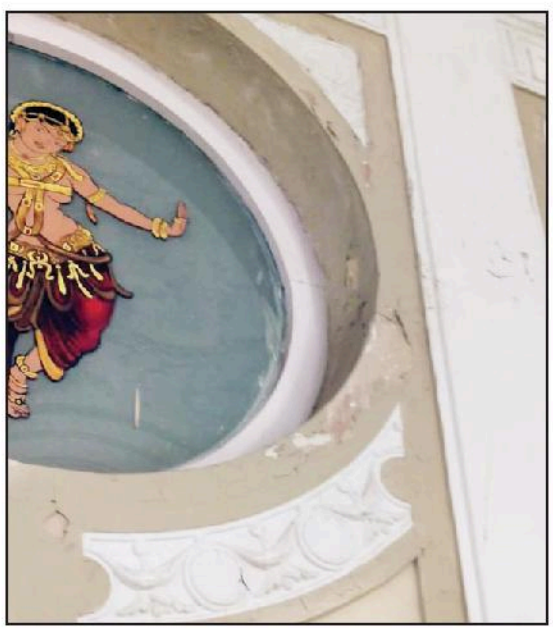
Is Lalitha Mahal Hotel going Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion way?

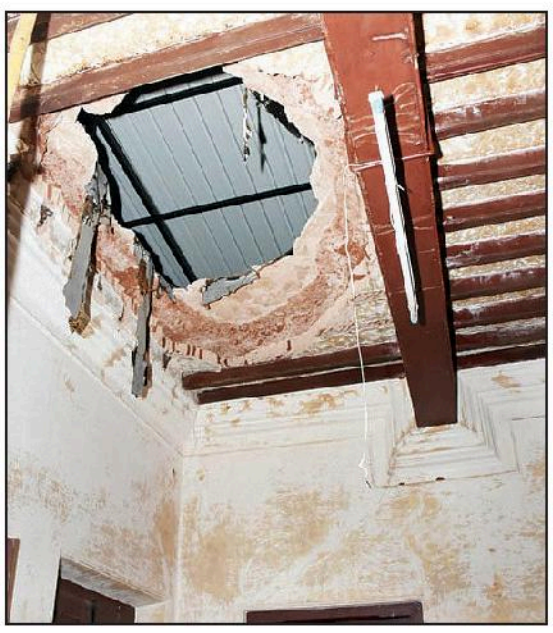
By N.K.A. Ballal,
Retd. Sr. Vice-President, ITDC

Ballal

When ITDC handed over the property of Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel back to the State Government at the book value after running it successfully for a decade or more, there was a tacit understanding that the said property would be run temporarily for some time and thereafter it will be handed over to a private hotelier through a tendering process.

The State Government, in its wisdom, handed over the property to Jungle Lodges and Resorts to manage the show. It was meant to be a strictly temporary arrangement till a new lessor was found by a tendering process. Years have passed by, Jungle Lodges have found a golden goose giving profits year by year and so are not putting any pressure on the Government to go ahead with the tendering process.





The paint on the walls of Lalitha Mahal Hotel peeling off. Picture right shows caved-in portion of Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion ceiling that has been temporarily covered.

The heritage hotel is being run by temporary/ contract staff and only 13 to 15 regular staff belong to the mother organisation, that is the Jungle Lodges. In the event of any big party or conference, they get the staff from other lodges, manage the show and go back. Imagine a heritage grand hotel of international standard being run with contract labour?

Trainees running around in chappals and this top-notch hotel has in effect become a State Guest House! Result: Slow death of the property. One of my friends had recently gone to the hotel and had taken some photographs of public areas *(see pic)*.

We now have a Mysurean at the helm of affairs in Vidhana Soudha. I do not know if he is interested to make this hotel a top-notch heritage property again — to match the Falaknuma Palace at Hyderabad.

(See MAHAL on page 5)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 23rd May 2023

City researchers make presentations at Intl. Meet in Washington

Mysuru, May 23 (KS) - Dr. Purnima Madhivanan, Dr. Karl Krupp and Poornima Jayakrishna of city's Public Health Research Institute of India (PHRII), made presentations at the International Papillomavirus Conference in Washington DC, USA recently.

The conference with the theme "Coming Together for HPV Elimination" drew more than 2,000 scientists, students and leadership from NGOs, government and the private sector to share strategies for prevention of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection and their associated diseases, especially cervical cancer.

"Most people don't realise that HPV is the cause of many common cancers in men and women. Elimination will go far beyond just preventing more than 70,000 deaths among Indian women with cervical cancer each year," said Dr. Purnima.

The conference focused on a wide range of HPV-related topics including HPV-related cancers, HPV vaccination, screening for cervical and other cancers and cancer treatment and therapy.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Please scoop after your dog, even if no one is looking," said a notice in our colony. In one stroke the note appeals to the sense of civic responsibility as well as the virtue of integrity. While the former focusses on common good of the community, the latter is the supreme quality of leadership as demonstrated by Lal Bahadur Shastri in his political and personal life.

Dr. Sandeep Shastri, in his book *Lal Bahadur Shastri: Politics and Beyond,* ***narrates enlightening incidents from the former Prime Minister's life. During one of Shastriji's numerous jail terms as part of freedom struggle, his daughter Suman fell gravely ill and the authorities granted him parole for 15 days to visit home. Unfortunately within a couple of days after he reached home his daughter passed away. With a heavy heart he performed her last rites and immediately thereafter, even before the end of his parole term, he returned to the jail. Other inmates were puzzled as to why he wouldn't utilise his full parole term. To their amazement he explained,*** *"Parole was given to me to look after my daughter, who is no more, so it is my duty to return to jail."*

Another instance also illustrates Shastriji's uprightness. He was the recipient of Rs. 50 pension paid by the Servants of People's Society, the NGO founded by Lala Lajpat Rai to train people in the service of the motherland. When Shastriji realised that his wife was able to save Rs. 10 from the pension, he requested the authorities to reduce his pension to Rs. 40 so that the excess amount is saved by the Society for some suitable cause. Such integrity in people holding public offices is hard to find at any time, not just today.

In our everyday life, we all have opportunities to demonstrate integrity and be true to ourselves. For instance, not cheating in the examination and copying from others even when the invigilator is not looking and we don't know the answers, or returning that extra ten rupees to the vegetable vendor who has given back excess amount as change by mistake would enhance one's self-respect.

— Jayanthi Chandrasekaran in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Police dog sniffs out drugs in banana shipment

Rome: With the help of a high-leaping dog with a fine nose for cocaine, Italian Police seized more than 2,700 kilos (about 3 tons) of the drug hidden in 70 tons of boxed bananas shipped from Ecuador, authorities said Tuesday.

Police estimated that the cocaine, which they described as of the finest quality, could have brought traffickers more than 800 million euros ($900 million) in street sales if it had reached its ultimate destination in Armenia.

Police told Italian State radio that documents and a background check indicated the shippers of the bananas weren't in the business of moving that much fruit.

Officers used scanning machines and the dog, named Joel, to uncover packets of cocaine hidden in boxes stacked meters-high in container trucks. Since the start of 2021, and including the latest seizure, customs police at the port have intercepted and seized a total of 37 tons of cocaine, the Police said.

This ice cream costs 6,696 dollars per serving

Tokyo: A Japanese ice cream company assembled some of the world's rarest ingredients to create an ice cream flavor that costs 6,696 dollars per serving.

Guinness World Records announced Japanese brand Cellato earned the record for the world's most expensive ice cream with its new flavor, dubbed Byakuya.

The pricey treat's ingredients include a rare white truffle grown in Alba, Italy, that costs about $6,905 per pound. It also includes Parmigiano Reggiano and sake lees. Cellato developed the flavor with Tadayoshi Yamada, the head chef at Osaka restaurant RiVi. The company said it sought to combine European and Japanese flavors into something unique.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Most of us have two kidneys. However, our normal body functions can be smoothly carried out by a single kidney. You only need one functioning kidney to lead a healthy life.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P T - Consultant – Nephrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, May 23- **H.R. Divyashree** has been awarded Ph.D in Food Science & Nutrition by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Physical and Congnitive Outcomes among Low Birth Weight Children at School Age' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M. Komala.

R.G. Usha has been awarded Ph.D in Education by the Kuvempu University, Shivamogga for her thesis 'Comparative Study of State, CBSE, ICSE Science Curricula and its related Factors of Secondary School Education.' [Guide: Dr. Jagannath K. Dange].

R.S. Indumathi has been awarded Ph.D in Applied Sciences by the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, for her thesis 'Some studies on Topological indices and spectrum of graph' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Mamta and Dr. M.R. Rajesh Kanna.

Abhishek P.R. Nadiga has been awarded Ph.D by the JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysuru for his thesis 'Development and evaluation of alternative animal models for CNS disorders' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K.L. Krishna.

Seema Mehdi has been awarded Ph.D by the JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysuru for her thesis 'A study on the role of Omega-3 fatty acids in the management of depression' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K.L. Krishna.

Discourse on Bhagavad Gita

Mysuru, May 23- As part of All India Sri Bhagavad Gita Campaign, discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita: Chapter-9' by Pt. Sri Mukundacharya Pachchapura, Mumbai, has been organised at Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana, Sri Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm from May 23 to 26. For details, contact Pt. Aniruddhacharya Pandurangi on Mob: 94481-47459.

Pt. Sri Mukundacharya Pachchapura will also deliver the discourse at Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt in Jayalakshmipuram from May 23 to 26 at 5 pm.

REALLY...?

- ***The world's first animated feature film was made in Argentina: Even if you know a lot of Disney trivia, you might assume that the honour of first animated feature film belongs to Walt Disney's 1937 movie*** *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.* ***But 20 years earlier, a full-length animated feature film was made in Argentina.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Math teacher: *A man from Los Angeles drove towards New York at 250 miles per hour and a man from New York drove towards Los Angeles at 150 m.p.h. Where did they both meet?*
Johnny: *In jail!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.81
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.93
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.55
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.46

VOICE OF THE READER

Stinking garbage bins inside Park near Lalitha Mahal Arch Gate

An overflowing garbage bin inside the park on Lalitha Mahal Road.

Sir,

I am a regular morning walker at a park adjacent to the Arch Gate on Lalitha Mahal Road.

It is a regular feature that the two garbage bins kept inside the park are always filled with garbage to the brim and spilled around the bins. One of the bins is broken and rusted. As a result the foul smell always greets the morning walkers.

Also, there are many food stalls on one side of the park, facing the Lalitha Mahal main road, which open in the evening.

It seems many food lovers enter the park and throw away the paper plates, bottles, plastic waste and left over food etc., inside the park. So, there is garbage spilled around the entire park.

Street dogs wander inside the park in search of food. On one side of the park facing main entrance, the MCC employees gather in the morning with the garbage tempos and go about for their duties.

Unable to bear the stink, I requested one of employees who was picking garbage on the side of the food stalls, to clean these bins too. He said that it is the duty of the park contractor.

When I telephoned to the MCC helpline the gentleman who answered the call, found fault with me for not bringing it to their notice immediately. He then asked me to give the address of the park. He was not convinced when I explained the location, but insisted on address.

I wish to suggest to the MCC authorities to display the contact number of the park contractors on all sides of the compound on the railings, so that we may contact them directly.

—K.S. Rao

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Rajneesh Goel is Additional Chief Secretary to CM

Bengaluru, May 23- With the change in Government, new postings have been made to the Chief Minister's Secretariat on Monday. Senior IAS Officer Rajneesh Goel of 1986 batch has been appointed as the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) to the Chief Minister as concurrent charge. Goel will also continue to function as the Additional Chief Secretary of Home Department.

Rajneesh Goel

Selection Grade KAS Officer Dr. M. Venkateshaiah, who had served as the Personal Secretary of Siddharamaiah when he was the Opposition Leader in the State Assembly, has now been appointed as Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's Personal Secretary.

In other appointments to the CM's Office, senior Journalist K.V. Prabhakar has been appointed as CM's Media Advisor, with the rank of Cabinet Minister.

Prabhakar, who hails from Kolar, had served in a couple of Kannada dailies. He had also served as the CM's Media Co-ordinator from 2014 to 2018 during Siddharamaiah's earlier stint as the CM.

Selection Grade KAS Officer B. Shivaswamy has been appointed as CM's Joint Secretary while Dr. K.Vaishnavi, a Karnataka Municipal Service (KMS) Officer and R. Mahadeva, who was serving as Sub-Registrar at Bengaluru's Ganganagar, have been appointed as Officers on Special Duty.

M. Venkatesh, a long-time associate of Siddharamaiah and K.N. Vijaya, a resident of Chandra Layout in Bengaluru, have been appointed as CM's Officers on Special Duty (contract basis).

P.A. Gopal, a retired Joint Secretary of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department, has been appointed as the Joint Secretary of the CM's Relief Fund section, on contract basis. He had served in the same section earlier too on contract basis.

NEWS BRIEFS

Free Mass Upanayana

Sri Krishna Trust and Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali have organised a free Mass Upanayana for Trimatastha Brahmin Vatus at Sri Krishnadhama in Saraswathipuram on May 29. Those interested may contact Ph: 0821-2544004, according to a press release.

Fun Fair

Yashaswini Mahila Sangha, the women's wing of Babbur Kamme Sangha, has organised Fun Fair at Babbur Kamme Sangha, Sahukar Channaiah Road, Saraswathipuram, on May 28 from 10 am to 4 pm. The Fun Fair includes food stalls, various games and entertainment programmes. Those who wish to put up food stalls (vegetarian only) or other stalls may contact Mob: 97421-65094 and register their names before May 27 by 3 pm.

Data Entry Operator

Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Mysore (UoM), has invited applications from women candidates to work as Data Entry Operator for one year for its Government-sponsored Research Project. Applicants must have done PG in Social Science and PG Diploma in Computer Application along with 15 month experience of working in any Research Project. If required, candidates must also be ready to go for field work. For details, visit University website or call Mob: 90081-64514. Last date to apply is June 10, according to a press release from the Centre.

MUDA accused of aiding private party to usurp 27-acre land

DC seeks explanation from MUDA Commissioner

Dr. Rajendra

Dinesh Kumar

Mysuru, May 23 (BS)- Following the allegations of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) ruling in favour of a private party and submitting an affidavit to Karnataka High Court to facilitate 27.34 acres of land worth several crores of rupees in the heart of the city, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra has served a notice (dated May 19, 2023) to Commissioner of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) G.T. Dinesh Kumar.

The MUDA Commissioner has been summoned to come with relevant documents related to the meeting where the order was passed to ratify the demand of a private party regarding the ownership of aforementioned land.

"The 27 acres and 34 guntas of land under question falls under different survey numbers of Dattagalli, Mysuru taluk, like 27/1, 27/2, 27/3, 27/4, 29/1A, 32, 38/1, 38/2 and 41/2. The MUDA meeting held on Mar. 21, 2023 had decided in favour of the said extent of land listed under Subject No. 13 (4), according to an affidavit submitted to the High Court. The decision is against the interest of MUDA, but in favour of the third party to usurp the land worth several crores of rupees, on the basis of High Court order, as stated by Advocate H.M. Murlidhar in the legal notice issued on May 12, 2023," DC Dr. Rajendra has stated in the notice issued to MUDA Commissioner Dinesh Kumar.

Dr. Rajendra has further stated, "Firstly, the MUDA decision during the meeting held on Mar. 21, 2023 is not received yet. While ratifying the decision, no meeting was held at MUDA. More than that, as alleged by the Advocate, the decision was not taken on Mar. 21, 2023. This being the reality, what was the intention behind directly submitting the decision of MUDA to the High Court, without bringing it to the notice of members of MUDA? What was the inevitability? On whose order and what basis the ratification of the procedures were submitted to High Court? What is the objection filed by MUDA in this case at the Court? Is the said order questioned?

The said property is a MUDA asset and it is the primary duty of the Authority to protect the same. Despite this, the maintenance of 27 acres of land in the heart of the city in a whimsical manner and the way MUDA has proceeded by submitting the decision taken without any ratification to the Court, casts aspersion.

Without proceeding further and stalling the procedure, you (MUDA Commissioner) have been directed to appear along with the relevant documents and written explanation in relation to the queries raised above, DC Dr. Rajendra had stated in the notice to MUDA Commissioner Dinesh Kumar. MUDA Commissioner Dinesh Kumar, however, denied the allegations made in the notice as far from truth.

The DC will also be given an explanation in this regard and a notice will be issued to Veerkumar Jain who has sent a legal notice through his Advocate.

Techie's death at Bengaluru underpass

Cab driver arrested for negligent driving

Bhanurekha

Harish

Bengaluru, May 23- A day after a techie died by drowning in a cab she was travelling at Bengaluru's KR Circle underpass which was flooded following heavy rains, the Halasuru Gate Police have arrested the driver for negligent driving.

The Halasuru Gate Police have filed an FIR under IPC Section 304(a) (Causing death by negligence).

Based on the complaint filed by deceased techie Bhanurekha's brother Sandeep, an FIR was filed in which Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials and the cab driver were named as accused. The Police have taken cab driver Harish into their custody and are questioning him.

Complainant Sandeep had accused the driver of not letting the cab occupants get down claiming he (driver) would cross the flooded underpass which led to tragedy. After the incident, the underpass has been shut for vehicular movement and the BBMP has started an audit of all underpasses in the city.

"We are undertaking an audit of all the underpasses so that such incidents should not occur in future. We are closing those underpasses, which are not fit to use," BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath told reporters.

Nath said he has given directions to the Chief Engineer of the civic agency to see that water drains out from these underpasses through the storm water drains. According to him, such an exercise has been undertaken at 18 underpasses in the city.

It may be recalled that Bhanurekha (22), an employee of Infosys, drowned on Sunday after the cab she was travelling in with her family got stuck in neck-deep water at KR Circle underpass.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel and the public saved five others of the family. The victim as well as others was taken to St. Martha's Hospital, where doctors declared Bhanurekha dead.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah rushed to the hospital, took stock of the situation and announced a compensation of Rs. 5 lakh and free treatment for those admitted in the hospital.

Body of man swept away in Raja Kaluve found

Lokesh

Bengaluru, May 23- Heavy rains have also claimed the life of a man, who was swept away in the Raja Kaluve at KP Agrahara here on Sunday. The deceased has been identified as Lokesh (31).

Lokesh, who was reportedly under the influence of alcohol, climbed down the Raja Kaluve to know its depth and was swept away due to strong current as it was raining heavily.

His body was fished out near Bytarayapura and was shifted to Victoria Hospital for post-mortem. KP Agrahara Police have registered a case.

Miscreants who had snatched purse, cell phone from woman arrested

Mysuru, May 23 (SBD&KS)- Nazarbad Police have arrested two miscreants who had snatched a purse and a mobile phone from a woman in city.

On May 11, when Bannur Town Municipal Council Member Shantharaju and his wife Sujatha were proceeding on their two-wheeler on B.N. Road, two persons on a bike, who came from behind, snatched the purse Sujatha was holding near The President Hotel and sped away. The purse contained Rs. 22,000 worth mobile phone and Rs. 15,000 cash. Though Shantharaju and his wife tried to follow them on their bike, the miscreants had managed to escape following which they lodged a complaint with Nazarbad Police.

Nazarbad Police, who had registered a case, arrested the two miscreants the next day (May 12) and interrogated them during which the Cops came to know that they had snatched the purse of Sujatha on B.N. Road and had also extorted money in Lakshmipuram Police limits. Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered two mobile phones worth Rs. 44,000 and Rs. 2,000 cash from them.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Shanthamallappa guided Nazarbad Inspector K. Santosh, Sub-Inspectors Vyshali A. Biradar and Srinivas Patil and staff Satish Kumar, Kiran Rathod, Santosh Kumar and Technical Division's Kumar, in the nabbing and recovery operation.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	82.94 feet
Yesterday	:	83.60 feet
Inflow	:	388 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,010 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,251.68 feet
Inflow	:	69 cusecs
Outflow	:	500 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,819.78 feet
Inflow	:	99 cusecs
Outflow	:	90 cusecs

Smuggling of whale vomit worth crores of rupees

H.D. Kote Police nab three persons

Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar addressing a press meet at her Office in city this morning as others look on.

Mysuru, May 23 (RK&KS)- H.D. Kote Police have arrested three persons who were found smuggling whale vomit (Ambergris) and have seized the whale vomit weighing 9.821 kg worth crores of rupees from them. It is learnt that a kilogram (kg) of whale vomit would cost Rs. 2.5 crore in the black market.

Addressing a press meet at her Office in city this morning, Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar said that H.D. Kote Inspector and staff intercepted a Maruti Swift car (KA-03-NG-7138) near Indian Hotel, close to Hand Post in H.D. Kote and arrested the three persons besides seizing the whale vomit.

The SP further said that the three accused were produced before a Court, which remanded them to judicial custody. A case has been registered against the three accused under Sections 2, 39, 44, 48, 51, 57 and 58 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Ambergris, or whale vomit, is a solid waxy substance originating in the intestine of the whale, and it is frequently discovered floating on the water or washing up on the coasts. It can also be found in the stomachs of dead sperm whales. It is highly valued by perfume makers as a fixative that allows the scent to endure much longer.

H.D. Kote Inspector Shabir Hussain, CEN Inspector Purushotham and staff Mahadevaswamy, Syed Kabiruddin, Mohan, Sunil, Yogesh, Kirankumar, Riteshkumar, S. Manjunath, B.V. Manjunath and Rangaswamy took part in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Vehicle-lifter arrested

Periyapatna Police have arrested a person on charges of lifting vehicles, said SP Seema Latkar.

The SP said that a Passion Plus bike (KA-45-H-2134) was stolen near Kaggundi Tobacco Board in Periyapatna taluk on Feb. 11 and the bike owner Prasanna had lodged a complaint with Periyapatna Police.

Periyapatna Inspector K.V. Sridar and staff, under the guidance of Additional SP Dr. B.N. Nandinin and Hunsur Sub-Division DSP M.K. Mahesh arrested the accused on May 18 and interrogated him during which the accused is said to have confessed of lifting six bikes and one tractor worth about Rs. 8 lakh.

Priyapatna Inspector K.V. Sridhar, Sub-Inspector Prakash Madlur and staff K.S. Lingarajappa and Satish Kumar took part in the operation.

District Police trace 40 stolen mobile phones

Following incidents of mobile phones being stolen, a special Police team led by CEN Inspector Purushotham was formed to trace the mobile phones. The special Police team, guided by SP Seema Latkar, Additional SP Dr. B.N. Nandini, collected information and in the past two months have traced 40 stolen mobile phones worth Rs. 8 lakh. The Police had traced a total of 30 mobile phones worth about Rs. 5 lakh and had returned them to their owners in the past.

CEN Inspector Purushotham and staff S. Manjunath, B.V. Manjunath, Venkatesh, Mahesh, Rangaswamy, Srinivasprasad, Mahesh Kumar, Abhishek, Adarsh, Manu and Abhilash took part in the tracing and recovery operation.

Addl. SP Dr. B.N. Nandini, Nanjangud Sub-Division Dy.SP Muddumahadevaiah and others were present at the press meet.

Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway

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According to sources, the measures taken by the Police is a temporary solution as National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) had proposed to build a flyover at the same Manipal Hospital junction to address the traffic bottlenecks, as the very junction serves as both entry and exit points of Mysuru.

It is common to see vehicles lined up to a distance on either side (the exit point from Mysuru side and entry point from Bengaluru side) daily, that grows by manifold during weekends and tourist seasons and turns more worse during *Nada Habba* Mysuru Dasara, with the arrival of tourists in hordes.

Bumper-to-bumper ride of four-wheelers, buses and lorries, repeat honking of vehicles and the two-wheelers snaking through every available gaps to shove up, testing the patience of other drivers / riders are all common at this junction.

It is undeniably the horrendous experience of many vehicular users at the tail-end of waiting for the green light to turn on, to wait for nearly 30 minutes, to speed through the junction, eventually with a sigh of relief.

If this is about other vehicular users, the ambulances that normally get easy way, with the concerned people paving the way, also have a similar woe to narrate, though Manipal Hospital is just a stone's throw away.

All these and many other traffic issues had turned into a bane even for Police Officers, who are often at the receiving end of the public. Amid traffic jams, Police stopping the vehicles in the name of inspection, is yet another reason for the grouse of vehicular users.

Depositing Rs. 2,000 currency notes at Banks begins

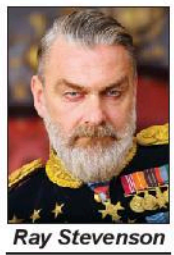
Mysuru, May 23 (RK&BS)- The process of depositing currency notes in the denomination of Rs. 2,000 began at various Banks in the city this morning.

This follows the decision of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 18, 2023, withdrawing the circulation of Rs. 2,000 currency notes, but continuing to be legal tender, with the time provided till Sept. 30, 2023 for those having the said currency notes to deposit them at the branches of their respective Banks.

The customers at various Banks in city were seen depositing such currency notes to their account, at the counter or machine, without any ID proof, as directed by RBI.

A Bank Manager seeking anonymity said: "There is no need for customers to produce documents to prove their identity, as the accounts will be already seeded with their ID proofs like Aadhaar and PAN numbers."

'RRR' actor Ray Stevenson passes away at 58



Ray Stevenson

Mumbai, May 23- Ray Stevenson, the Irish actor who played the authoritarian Governor of Delhi in SS Rajamouli's blockbuster film *RRR,* passed away on May 21. He was 58. According to reports, Stevenson was hospitalised with sudden illness on the island of Ischia while shooting for a film. No information on the cause of the death was available. Though well-known in India for his *RRR* role, Stevenson will also be widely remembered for playing Volstagg in Marvel's 'Thor' film.

"Shocking... Just can't believe this news. Ray brought in so much energy and vibrancy with him to the sets. It was infectious. Working with him was pure joy. My prayers are with his family. May his soul rest in peace," Rajamouli tweeted.

Is Lalitha Mahal Hotel going Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion way?

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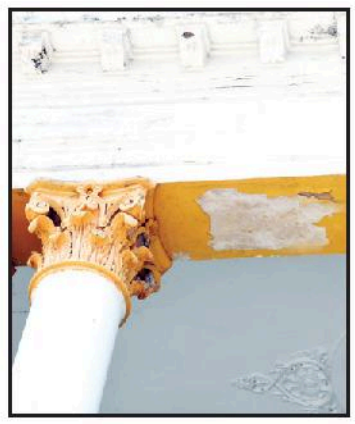

Take it from me, over the years if this building is not handed over to some top heritage group of hotels, this property will join the ranks of Lansdowne and Devaraja Market buildings in city centre or see the fate of Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion in Manasagangothri campus.

A portion of the Mansion's ceiling had caved-in at two places due to constant leakage caused by incessant rains and a weak structure in Nov. 2021 and the structure lies in shambles due to apathy and fund crunch.

Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion, housing some of the finest priceless artefacts, is lying in a dilapidated state beyond one's imagination. Though the caved-in ceiling has been temporarily covered, the damage is huge.

The heritage structure was handed over to University of Mysore (UoM) after philanthropist and Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty spent Rs. 1.17 crore to renovate the Mansion in 2001.

The collapse has occurred in a section of the building that houses the University's Folklore Museum and the Mansion now faces monumental apathy.

The condition of the Mansion had drawn the attention of Heritage Expert Committee that had written a letter to the then Vice-Chancellor of UoM Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar seeking immediate repairs and restoration of the building. The Government-appointed Committee said that the way the heritage structure is maintained is a sad reflection on the state of affairs in the century-old University.

The Government of Karnataka or for that matter Jungle Lodges do not have the funds or expertise to manage a Lalitha Mahal Hotel. It requires at least Rs. 50 crore to Rs.70 crore to bring it back to its original splendour with the terrace gardens, fountains etc., apart from the Maharaja and Maharani suites which require full refurbishment.

I do hope and pray that better sense prevails and some one in power takes a fast decision in this matter.

My another worry is that the Government does not water down the conditions of the tender to allow some fly-by-night operators to take over the Palace Hotel property. Mysuru requires this "jewel."

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Mysuru: A Look at its Past...

By Gouri Satya, Sr. Journalist

The street name for a Shishu Vihara

In Mysore, one comes across streets bearing names of prominent institutions which are on that stretch. One such road, which marks a kindergarten school, is the 'Gopalaswamy Shishu Vihara Rasthe'.

It is in Lakshmipuram, near Nanjumalige Circle, on the southern side of the petrol bunk opposite Christ the King Convent (CKC). The popular nursery school has grown in size adding classes of higher levels over the years.

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS: ***The Gopalaswamy Shishu Vihara has grown in leaps and bounds over the years into a full-fledged educational institution now.***

Kindergarten movement

The establishment of the Shishu Vihara heralded the kindergarten movement in Mysore. Till then, little attention was being paid to pre-school children to mould their potential and make them eligible for admission to primary school. Children up to the age of 5-6 had to stay in their homes without motivation to learn during the crucial stage of childhood.

Dr. Gopalaswamy realised the need to create opportunities for the holistic development of these pre-schoolers by building their social, emotional, literacy, and fine motor skills in an open environment. To bridge the gap, he started the Shishu Vihara, the first of its kind in the country.

Department of Psychology

Dr. Gopalaswamy was a Professor of Psychology and Logic at the prestigious Maharaja's College. He founded the Department of Psychology in the College in 1924. It was the second oldest department in the country and was initially called the Psychology Laboratory.

Psychology was one of the three optional subjects, which the degree students studied for two years. It was usually combined with Economics, Politics, Sociology, Languages, Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics. The Honours students, however, studied Psychology for three years. Degrees were awarded based on theses incorporating the results of experimental work or papers.

The subject became increasingly popular and the number of students who had passed BA, BA (Hons.) and MA courses was as many as 244 during 1946-1950.

The Department developed many of the Psychology apparatus in its workshop. It also did laudable work in the field of nursery education and mass education by Radio.

First nursery school

The keen interest in nursery education was evinced by Prof. Gopalaswamy, who had obtained his B.Sc and Ph.D in London, in addition to his BA degree from Madras University, which led to the starting of the nursery school in 1928.

FOND MEMORIES: ***The old building of the Shishu Vihara has been preserved without demolition though the institution has grown.***

Apart from Mysore State, it was the first nursery school to be established in the country for young children, and the credit for establishing it goes to Prof. Gopalaswamy, who was determined to take up nursery school work as a mission in his life. The school received the patronage of the Department of Public Instruction and the Mysore City Municipal Council.

Through the newly started children's school, he introduced a new concept of innovative education. He gave the name, 'Shishu Vihara', to the pioneering school he had started.

He realised that early childhood education was vital and that the kindergarten method was best suited to the socio-economic conditions of our country. He was also aware that nursery school activities helped mould the potentialities of pre-school children on scientific lines.

Bearing this in mind, he tried modern methods of child education individually and collectively. Ingenious educational devices and tools were devised and put to use in his institution.

Picture story narration, dramatisation and recitation of nursery rhymes were the main features of this institution as against strictness, coercion, goading or even direct teaching. A great variety of activities were taught to promote physical, mental, moral and social talent in children.

All efforts were made to cultivate and develop healthy habits which in the long run would become their intrinsic character and mould the potentialities of the pre-schoolers on scientific lines. Gardening also played a prominent part. In the backyard of the school, a kitchen garden had been raised where teachers worked together and grew vegetables and greens.

CATCH THEM YOUNG: ***Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy had the vision that children are the future of the country and they need an exclusive place to build their social, emotional, literary and fine motor skills.***

Shishu Vihara

The visionary Professor spared no effort to make the Shishu Vihara experiment a model one. He trained his mother and wife, Kamala Gopalaswamy, in nursery and Montessori methods and they became teachers for the little children. He invited Kannada poet G.P. Rajarathnam to the school.

Children's poems that Rajarathnam recited and taught became popular among the little children who began to sing and enjoy. The compilation of the children's poems brought him fame as a children's poet. His popular poems like 'Kadalepuri', 'Kene Haalu', 'Kallu Sakkare' and 'Thuththoori' were the result of his participation among the children in the Shishu Vihara, thanks to Prof. Gopalaswamy.

The Gopalaswamy Shishu Vihara also had another objective. It was an experimental institution for psychology students and teachers, to understand the mental abilities of growing-up children and the fillip needed for the development of their faculties in the appropriate way to make them fit for the next stage of school learning. It served as a laboratory to study and analyse the development of preschool children.

Much valuable data regarding the comparative value of the new type and traditional examination methods were gathered which in turn helped in improving teaching methodology. It resulted in framing new types of examination papers in all subjects, except the languages in 1932.

Akashvani was another outcome

The establishment of the Shishu Vihara resulted in another fruitful outcome. It gave a fillip to Prof. Gopalaswamy to launch the experimental broadcasting station, Akashvani, at his residence in Vontikoppal in Mysore in 1935. The Broadcasting Station was aimed at promoting mass education through Radio. It also helped his students in the study of listeners' tastes and the psychology of propaganda.

Like Shishu Vihara, Akashvani also became a household name. The Kannada name was quickly taken up by the Government and was adopted for all its stations. After the adoption of the Kannada name, stations of All India Radio came to be called Akashvani, a term which became familiar among all listeners of AIR programmes across the country.

All these visionary efforts of Prof. Gopalaswamy led to a varied nature of work in the Psychology Laboratory of Maharaja's College, where he served for two decades as the Head of the Department and subsequently as the Principal of the College.

Thesis on valuable subjects like "Growth of Intelligence during the first year of Childhood", "The Language Development of the Pre-school Child", "The Development of Fear, Anger, and Laughter in Children", "Pre-school Mental Tests", "Personality Types" etc. were among those produced there.

Shishu Vihara became synonymous with kids

The 'Shishu Vihara' name he gave to his kindergarten school became so popular many Shishu Viharas came up later emulating its example. Deshmukhi Krishnamurthy had worked in Dr. Gopalaswamy's Shishu Vihara for ten years and gained experience as a nursery school teacher.

With the background of his experience, he started Sri Jagadamba Shishu Vihara in 1939, which also became popular. He also devised ingenious educational devices and methods of nursery school education, evincing great interest in nursery and kindergarten methods.

A pioneer that Gopalaswamy was

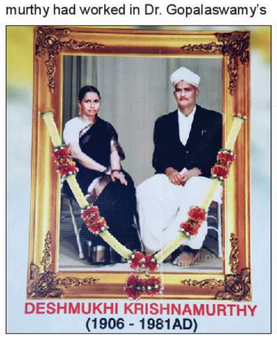
The pioneering institution started by Prof. Gopalaswamy proudly carries his name even today. The road where the Gopalaswamy Shishu Vihara stands has been named after him and his institution.

A matter of regret is the etched street sign embedded into a compound wall on the street corner is lost now. While constructing a new compound wall, the tablet, worthy of preserving, has been discarded. Probably, it has disappeared along with the rubble.

Prof. M.V. Gopalaswamy, who pioneered nursery education in the country, was born in 1896 in an affluent family of a judge. He has left solid footprints on the development of Mysore, which had a wide-ranging impact on the country. 'Akashvani', 'Shishu Vihara', and the Department of Psychology at Mysore University stand as a monument to this learned Professor of Mysore.

Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy with his wife Kamala.

PRESERVED AND NEGLECTED: ***Shishu Vihara name board along with the founder's name that was prepared in the formative years of the institution in 1926 has been neatly preserved. Contrast this with the 'Gopalaswamy Shishu Vihara Road' signage by the side of the road that has been neglected.***


DESHMUKHI KRISHNAMURTHY
(1906 - 1981AD)

A NEW INITIATIVE: ***Deshmukhi Krishnamurthy and his wife Sharadabai. Krishnamurthy started Sri Jagadamba Shishu Vihara in 1939.***

Siddharamaiah will be CM for full five years: Minister M.B. Patil

Mysuru, May 23- Even as the suspense continues over the purported power sharing formula in respect of CM's post in the State, Minister M.B. Patil said that Siddharamaiah would serve as Chief Minister for five years.

Speaking to presspersons on Monday after visiting Suttur Mutt in Nanjanud taluk where he received the blessings of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Patil said that there was no proposal on power sharing during the talks held at New Delhi ahead of the formation of the Congress Government in the State.

Patil maintained that Siddharamaiah would serve as the CM for the full term just as he did in his first stint as the CM from 2013 to 2018. Even AICC General Secretary K.C.Venugopal has clarified this, he added.

Stating that the previous Siddharmaiah Government had fulfilled 158 out of 165 promises it had made, he said now also, the five Poll Guarantees promised by the Congress would be implemented and no one need to have any doubt in this regard.

Minister M.B. Patil and his wife Asha Patil seeking the blessings of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud taluk yesterday.

BJP scams to be probed

Accusing the previous BJP Government of rampant corruption and maladministration, Patil said all the scams of the BJP Government will be probed and the guilty will be punished.

Earlier, M.B. Patil, accompanied by his wife Asha Patil offered prayers at Shivarathri Shivayogi Kartru Gaddige and meditated for some time at Dhyana Mandira. KPCC Secretary Hadinaru Gurupadaswamy, leaders Alanahalli Puttaswamy, Ravikumar, Varuna Mahesh and others were present.

Minister Patil was accorded a warm welcome at the Toll Gate upon his arrival at Mysuru on his way to Suttur. Congress leaders Pratidhwani Prasad, Arif Pasha, Manjula Manasa, Prakash, Palya Suresh, Raghuraje Urs, Padmanabhan, Latha Ranganath, Mohammad Tasim, Kemparaj Urs, Zafrulla, Yogesh, Chandrashekar and others received him at the Minister Toll Gate.

II PU supplementary exam begins

Mysuru, May 23 (RK&DM)- The II PU supplementary exam got off to a smooth start in the city this morning. The exam is being held at 13 centres in the district, including 7 in Mysuru city.

A total of 7,350 students have registered for the exam in the district. Students who failed in the exam held in March this year and repeaters of previous years are appearing for this exam, which concludes on June 3. The centres in the city are: Sarada Vilas College in Krishnamurthypuram, D. Banumaiah's College on Sayyaji Rao road, Maharaja PU College on JLB road, Maharani's College, St. Philomena's College in Bannimantap, Mahajana College in Jayalakshmipuram and JSS PU College in Saraswathipuram.

The city Police have clamped prohibitory orders in 200 mts. radius around all the exam centres for ensuring peaceful and smooth conduct of the exam. Also, all photocopy shops in the vicinity have been asked to shut down on all dates of the exam.

State Cabinet expansion likely on Saturday

20 members to be inducted

Bengaluru, May 23 (KMS&DM)- The Cabinet of the new Congress Government in the State is likely to be expanded on Saturday with the induction of 20 members.

The first session of the 16th Karnataka Assembly will end tomorrow (May 24) with the election of the Speaker, following which Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who is also the KPCC President, will visit New Delhi and meet the Party top brass to finalise the list of Ministers who will be inducted into the Cabinet.

The CM, who seems to be under compulsion to expand his Cabinet, is said to have sought time from the Raj Bhavan for induction of new Ministers on Friday itself. But as the Governor is said to be unavailable on Friday, the induction is proposed to take place on Saturday.

The State Cabinet currently has eight Ministers who were sworn-in on May 20 along with CM Siddharamaiah and Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar.

During their Delhi visit, the CM and Deputy CM will be meeting AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, Party General Secretaries K.C. Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala and other top party leaders.

U.T. Khader is Congress' choice for Assembly Speaker

Files nomination papers

U.T. Khader

Bengaluru, May 23- Ending the suspense over its Speaker candidate, with senior MLAs of the party refusing to accept the post out of fear of getting into political oblivion, the ruling Congress today named five-time MLA U.T. Khader as the party's nominee for the Speaker's post, the election to which is due tomorrow (May.24).

Khader, whose name was proposed by CM Siddharamaiah and approved by Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar, presented his nomination papers to Vidhana Sabha Secretary M.K. Vishalakshi in the presence of the CM and Deputy CM.

Khader is all set to become the youngest and the first Muslim Speaker of the State. Khader, who is Congress MLA for five successive terms from Mangaluru Constituency (erstwhile Ullal), is also a former Minister. He had served as the Deputy Leader of the Opposition during the previous BJP Government. He first contested in the 2007 bypolls from Ullal Constituency after his father U.T. Fareed's demise.

Fareed had also represented Ullal Constituency for four successive terms.

Though the Congress discussed the names of senior MLAs and former Ministers R.V. Deshpande, H.K. Patil and T.B. Jayachandra, none of the three showed interest in the job, which forced the Congress leadership to look at other leaders and ultimately the party found its choice in Khader.

His candidature will be formalised during the CLP meeting tomorrow. The ruling party's nominee is, generally, unanimously elected as the Assembly Speaker.

KRRS urges for withdrawal of anti-farmer laws

Mysuru, May 23 (PM&DM)- With the Congress returning to power, the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) has urged the new Government to repeal the anti-farmer laws that were introduced by the previous BJP Government.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, KRRS President Badagalapura Nagendra said that the Congress Government should repeal the amendments to Land Reforms, amendments to APMC Act and Anti-Cow Slaughter Act, which are all anti-farmer in nature and introduced by the previous BJP Government.

Urging the new Government to keep its word that the Congress would repeal all the anti-farmer laws if it was voted to power, Nagendra wanted the Congress Government to waste no time in repealing these laws, which were introduced despite stiff opposition from the farming community.

Asserting that farmer organisations played a big role in the ouster of the BJP Government, he reminded the Congress of its promise of repealing the anti-farmer laws.

Lashing out at the Centre for introducing the controversial three farm laws, Nagendra warned that the BJP Government at the Centre too would meet the same fate of the State BJP, if it pursues its anti-farmer policies.

Thanking the voters of Melukote Constituency for having backed KRRS candidate Darshan Puttannaiah, he said that Darshan will be the voice of the farming community in the Assembly.

Reacting to the Congress party's 5 poll guarantees, Nagendra opined that the poll guarantees can be implemented if unproductive and non-plan expenses are cut short.

He also urged the Congress, which had launched a mega padayatra demanding implementation of Mekedatu project, to execute the project now that it has come to power on its own, with the Congress party's alliance partner DMK ruling the neighbouring Tamil Nadu, which is severely opposing the project.

KRRS office-bearers Hosakote Basavaraj, Prasanna N. Gowda, Mandakalli Mahesh, Naganahalli Vijayendra and Marankaiah were present at the press meet.

Government cancels nominations to Boards and Corporations

Bengaluru, May 23- In a key decision, the State Government on Monday annulled the nominations to all Boards, Coprorations and other Government-run Authorities/ Agencies of the State, which were made by the previous BJP Government.

Following a direction from Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, the nominations to Boards and Corporations have been annulled with immediate effect.

Meanwhile, the Kannada and Culture Department has cancelled all sorts of nominations made to the Academies coming under the Department, Rangayanas etc., with immediate effect.

They want to eke out a living with job skills learnt in jail

24 life convicts released from Mysuru Central Prison on basis of their good conduct

Mysuru, May 23 (MK&BS)- Joy knew no bounds for 24 life convicts, who were released on the basis of their good conduct from Central Prison Mysuru last evening. Uber excited to meet their kith and kins, they shared their plans to lead a new life, by carrying on the vocational skills they acquired behind the bars, to eke out a living on their own.

Nagamma of Bengaluru who claims to have earned up to Rs. one lakh as a tailor in the jail, is firm on building a new house and opening a tailor shop on her own. For Nagamma, her house meant the world and was living with her children. She is being reunited with them after a decade.

Nagamma learnt tailoring skills in jail and wants to build her life as a tailor in the future.

Siddegowda of Nelamakanahalli in Mandya district had served life imprisonment for 14 years in a murder case at Malavalli. *"Konegu bidugade madbitru kananna. Manegogi Makkalanna Mathadusbeku, jilebi thegedukondu hoguththene* (Finally I have been released. I want to speak to kids. I will buy jalebi for them)," this was how Siddegowda burst out in joy, while at work in the jail, when the Officers told him about the order of release from the Government.

Siddegowda who could not hide his feelings said: "I had gone home recently during my wife's death. I will take up any job and lead a life in further."

Ramesh who has learnt tailoring was confident of eking out a living either as a tailor or construction worker, as he has learnt the nuances as a masonry.

Ramesh was convicted for triple murder at Kade Shivalaya in Puttur taluk, Dakshina Kannada district. He had completed 18 years of jail term and was eager to go home, but said: 'I was working at the farm at the time of murder, but was arrested on the charges of my involvement in the case."

For Suresh of Udupi, the period he spent behind the bars gave him a chance to repent for the crime he committed. "I had murdered a woman over financial dispute. I repent over the crime and will mingle with the people till I am alive," said Suresh who was diagnosed of cancer while in jail and has even undergone a surgery, in a choked tone.

Officials presence

The 24 convicts including 23 men (one among them shifted from Central Prison Mysuru to Bengaluru and released there) and one woman walked out from behind the bars, in the presence of Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), B.G. Dinesh and Chief Superintendent of Prisons K.C. Divyashree. Those released were given certificate of release, along with an advise of leading a life without treading the path of crime and wish to live like ambassadors of the society.

Chief Superintendent of Central Prison speaks

Chief Superintendent of Central Prison Mysuru K.C. Divyashree said: "As per the directions of Supreme Court, the files of 31 convicts eligible for preterm release on the basis of their good conduct was submitted before Prison Advisory Board. Later, it was forwarded to the Government for further action. Among those recommended for release, the file of one prisoner was sent back for a relook, while of four others were sent for the consent of Central Government. The release of another convict was turned down at the Governor level. 24 were released on the basis of their good conduct."

Jailers Dharanesh, Amar, Geetha and other Officers were present.

Actor Sarath Babu passes away at 71

Hyderabad, May 23- Veteran actor Sarath Babu passed away yesterday due to multiple organ failure at a private hospital in Hyderabad. He was 71.

Sarath Babu

Last month, Sarath Babu was admitted to a hospital in Hyderabad in a critical condition. He was also admitted and treated at a hospital in Chennai in March this year.

Sarath Babu is well-known for his films like Amruthavarshini (Kannada), K. Viswanath's 'Sagara Sangamam', 'Apathbandhavudu' and Nagarjuna-starrer 'Criminal'.

He has also starred in a number of Tamil movies. Babu has also starred alongside superstar Rajinikanth in 'Mullum Malarum', 'Velaikkaran', 'Annamalai' and 'Muthu'.

Sarath Babu acted in over 200 films in a career spanning over five decades. He also worked in a few Hindi films.

The veteran actor entered the film industry in 1973 through a Telugu film and later became popular through the Tamil film 'Nizhal Nijamagiradhu' also starring Kamal Haasan and directed by K. Balachander.

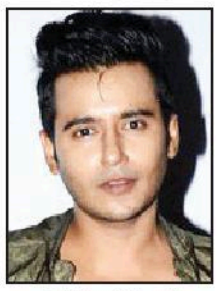
He was last seen in Tamil earlier this year in 'Vasantha Mullai' starring Bobby Simhaa.

Sarath Babu was born in Amadalavalasa in Andhra Pradesh as Satyanarayana Dixit.

After entering the film industry, he changed his name to Sarath Babu.

Actor Aditya Singh Rajput found dead

Mumbai, May 23- Actor, model and casting coordinator Aditya Singh Rajput was found dead at his apartment in Mumbai. He was 32.


Aditya Singh

Though there is no official word on the exact cause of his death, preliminary reports suggest it could probably be owing to a suspected drug overdose.

Aditya Singh was living in a shared apartment on the 11th floor of the Lashkaria Heights building in the posh Oshiwara area. The first tip-off came from a friend of the actor who found him lying motionless in bathroom of his house and rushed him to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead on admission.

The actor's body has been sent for an autopsy, the report of which is awaited and the Oshiwara Police is conducting further investigations from all possible angles, said an official.

Two youths drown

Srirangapatna, May 23- Two youths, who had gone for a swim in Cauvery River at Balamuri on Sunday have been drowned.

The deceased have been identified as P. Darshan (19), son of Prasanna of Holenarasipur in Hassan district and his relative Dhananjay (19).

Darshan and Dhanjay had come to attend the wedding of their relative at the Kalyana Mantap in Balamuri and after the wedding they ventured into the river for a swim when they were caught in the whirlpool and drowned.

KRS Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted an investigation. The bodies were fished out and shifted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru where post-mortem was conducted and the bodies were handed over to the family members. KRS Police have registered a case.

Rowdy-sheeter's murder at Vontikoppal

Five more accused arrested; Total arrests go up to 12

Mysuru, May 23 (RK&KS)- The Police team, which had arrested seven accused in the murder of rowdy-sheeter Chandru, who was hacked to death in front of a tailor shop in Vontikoppal on Thursday evening, have arrested five more accused at a village in H.D. Kote taluk in the early hours of yesterday. With this, the Police have arrested a total of 12 accused in the case.

Chandru

The five arrested are car driver Venkatesh, Varun alias Kappe, Sachin, Darshan alias Appu and Anilkumar Naika.

Following the murder, seven accused were arrested at a farm house in Yelwal on Saturday early morning and were produced before the Magistrate in the afternoon, who remanded them to judicial custody. The Cops had then launched a hunt to nab others who had gone absconding.

Venkatesh, who had come in a car, had helped Varun, Sachin, Darshan, Anilkumar and others in the murder and had gone absconding. The Police team, who had launched a hunt to nab the accused based on the clues, have arrested all the accused in the case and have seized the lethal weapons and the vehicles used for the crime.

It may be recalled that nine persons, who had come on three two-wheelers had hacked Chandru to death, when he was sitting in front of the tailor shop and had fled from the spot. Three others, who had come to help them, had escaped in a car after the crime was committed.

Obituary

Syed Mustafa

Mysuru, May 23- Syed Mustafa (71), former employee of Ideal Jawa, senior employee of Phulwari (Muslim Girls Orphanage) on Ashoka Road and a resident of Ganesh Nagar, passed away following brief illness yesterday evening in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road after Zohar (1.30 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

WORD OF THE DAY

Officious

Pronunciation: uh-FISH-us
Meaning: Officious typically describes a person who tends to offer unwanted advice in a way that annoys the advice recipients. It is a synonym of meddlesome.
Origin: If you've ever dreamed of having your financial officer officiate your office wedding—well, you're officially alone there. But we won't meddle in your business; if we suggested a more, um, "charming" location, we'd be sticking our nose where it doesn't belong. We have our own offic word for such behavior: officious.

As with some key words in your hypothetical dream wedding, officious comes from the Latin noun officium, meaning "service" or "office." In its early use, officious meant "eager to serve, help, or perform a duty," but that meaning is now obsolete, and the word today typically describes a person who offers unwanted advice or help. Since, again, we don't want to be such a person, we definitely won't suggest marrying at a banquet hall or botanical garden in lieu of the office, but we do applaud any consideration of that office-fave for your celebratory sweet, the humble sheet cake.

THE ODD WORD

Absolutory

Forgiving or absolving.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A bolt from the blue

Meaning: A complete surprise, like a bolt of lightning from a clear blue sky - literally 'out of the blue'.
Origin: This has the feel of a Shakespearian or Biblical expression but, as a phrase in English, it isn't as old as it sounds. There are several forms of it: 'out of the blue', 'a bolt out of the blue', etc. The earliest citation is Thomas Carlyle, in The French Revolution, 1837:

"Arrestment, sudden really as a bolt out of the Blue, has hit strange victims."

English versions of this expression probably derive as translations of the work of the Roman lyric poet Quintus Horatius Flaccus, better known as Horace. A translation from the Latin of Horace's Ode 34 begins:

My prayers were scant, my offerings few,
While witless wisdom fool'd my mind;
But now I trim my sails anew,
And trace the course I left behind.
For lo! the Sire of heaven on high,
By whose fierce bolts the clouds are riven,
To-day through an unclouded sky.

QUOTE BOX

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all.

— Oscar Wilde

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

"Evil"

Answer: Speak/Talk of the devil.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Global Positioning Sys.
4 Take a big jump
8 Doctor
11 Rumanian coin
12 Greased
14 Inertial Ref. Unit
15 Sugar suffix
16 Employment
17 Tutelary god in ancient Rome
18 Has a job
20 Tumble or splash
22 __Hur: Oscar winning movie ?
24 Nought
25 Political alliance
28 GI address
30 Currency of China
34 Activity on Node, abbr.
35 Pair or a couple
36 Dundee denial
37 Deuces
39 Class or kind
40 Prod or prompt?
41 Paddle
43 Timid, bashful
45 Expenditure
48 Electronic message
52 "L" in L.A. the famous city ?
53 Hindu goddess of war
57 India's real-time payment system
58 Mountain-peak in Switzerland, for instance
59 Growl angrily
60 Naval air stn.
61 Otto ___ Bismarck
62 ___ the dirty on : plays a mean trick on?
63 Telegu Desam Party, acronym

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Y	A	P		S	P	A	S		M	U	G	S
A	D	E		T	A	L	K		E	Z	R	A
N	A	S		A	L	P	A		M	I	E	N
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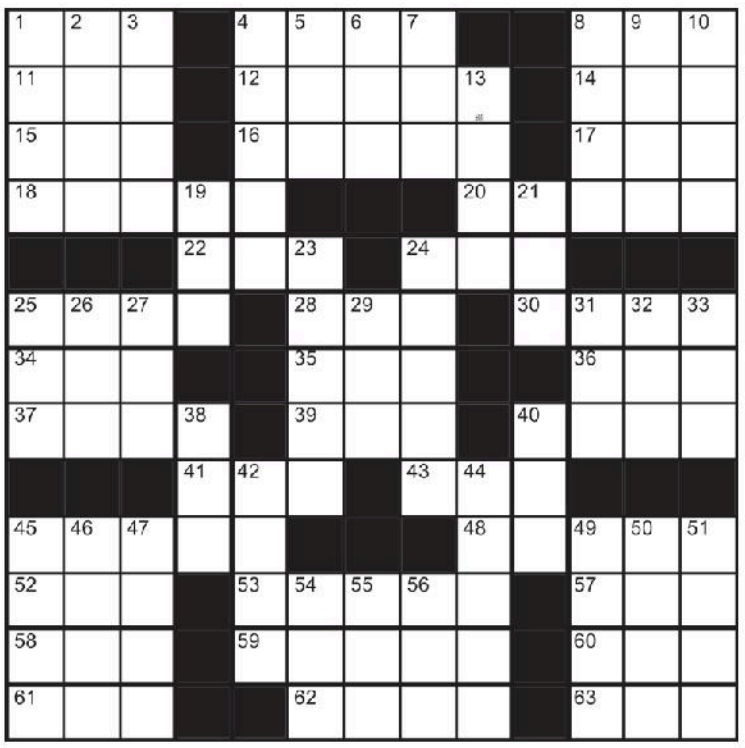
P	L	E	A		S	T	A	R		Y	E	W

DOWN

1 Incandescence
2 Mexican coin
3 Plaintiff - "ruse" anagram?
4 Parasite
5 Electronic Instrument Sys.
6 __carte
7 A notch or degree, as in "come down a ___"?
8 Capital of East Timor
9 By mouth
10 Ringlet
13 Of Indian or local origin
19 Popular TV show hosted by Big B
21 Wield
23 The lowest point
24 Secluded corners
25 Flying mammal
26 Not high
27 Yoko ___ : wife of John Lennon, the Beatle?
29 Monetary unit of Afghanistan
31 Popular card game
32 Battery size
33 ___ Beatty : famous Hollywood actor?
38 Man-child
40 Physical training facility
42 Sums
44 Makes better
45 East European
46 Equestrian sport
47 TV sports letters
49 Dad's sister
50 Apple's tablet
51 Speak a certain way
54 And for the German
55 Ex-P.M. Narsimha ___
56 Grad. Rec. Exam.



SUDOKU

				9	8	1		
	1	7				2	8	
5	8						4	
7			3		4			
2								8
			2		7			6
	5						1	3
	4	6				8	5	
		3	8	5				

Answer to previous puzzle

3	4	5	1	6	2	8	9	7
8	1	9	4	3	7	5	2	6
7	2	6	9	5	8	3	4	1
2	3	7	6	1	4	9	5	8
4	5	1	3	8	9	6	7	2
6	9	8	2	7	5	1	3	4
5	8	4	7	9	6	2	1	3
9	7	3	8	2	1	4	6	5
1	6	2	5	4	3	7	8	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NLC KOUBZR ZX NLC KOUC HMB NLC CWFCVOCMQC ZX

NLC HYCU HVC FCVFCNPHNCB JI TPZNHNOZMU.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: For ultimately, the only way to win wars, is to prevent them occurring in the first place.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
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  Veeram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Suman (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Daredevil Musthafa (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Pichaikkaran 2 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Agent (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Karungaapiyam (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Sreemanta (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Fast X (E) -2 Shows; The Kerala Story (H) - 2 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan (H) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** — Ph: 2520009
  Day and Someone (Te) - 4 Shows

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The Kerala Story (H)	(S-1)	10.25 am 1.20 pm, 4.05 pm 7.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	(S-2)	10.05 am, 6.50 pm
Guardians of Galaxy-3 (E-3D)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Jersey Number 10 (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Raghavendra Stores (K)	(S-2)	10.00 pm; (S-3) 7.30 pm
Evil Dead Rise (E)	(S-3)	11.00 am
Pichaikkaran 2 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 4.25 pm
Charles Enterprises (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Fast X (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.35 pm 4.25 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	1.00 pm
Shivaji Surathkal 2 (K)	:	1.00 pm, 6.40 pm
Pichaikkaran 2 (Ta)	:	1.15 pm, 6.10 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	:	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7.00 pm, 9.00 pm
The Kerala Story (Ma)	:	7.45 pm
Jersey Number 10 (K)	:	4.00 pm
Ponniyin Selvan - Part 2 (Ta)	:	4.00 pm
Raghavendra Stores (K)	:	9.00 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Jersey Number 10 (K)	:	10.00 am
The Kerala Story (H)	:	10.15 am, 12.20 pm, 1.15 pm 4.15 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Fast X (E-3D)	:	10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 3.20 pm 4.30 pm, 7:30 pm, 9:30 pm, 10.30 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	11.30 am
Anni Manchi Sakunamule (Te)	:	12.00 noon, 7 pm
IB71 (H)	:	12.50 pm
Suzume (Japanese)	:	2.50 pm
Charles Enterprises (Ma)	:	3.30 pm
Pichaikkaran 2 (Ta)	:	3.45 pm, 10.25 pm
Guardians of Galaxy 3 (E-3D)	:	6.20 pm
2018 (Ma)	:	6.35 pm
Anuragam (Ma)	:	10.00 pm

Trailers Screening Show - multi language : 11.35 am

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Fast X (E-3D)	:	10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00 pm 7.00 pm, 10:00 pm
Suman (K)	:	10:00 am
The Kerala Story (H)	:	10.30 am, 12.05 pm, 1.30 pm 4.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 7.30 pm 9.30 pm, 10:30 pm
Pichaikkaran 2 (Ta)	:	12.55 pm, 6.35 pm
Ponniyin Selvan - Part 2 (Ta)	:	3.05 pm
Raghavendra Stores (K)	:	4.10 pm
2018 (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

Mahila Samman Savings Certificate-2023

Calling women to open account in Post Offices

Mysuru, May 23- The Government of India has launched the Mahila Samman Savings Certificate-2023 on 31.3.2023 to commemorate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and can be opened in all Post Offices. To enhance the Nari Shakti of the country, this is a one-time new small savings scheme and will be available up to 31.3.2025 only.

An account under this scheme can be opened by a woman for herself or by the guardian on behalf of minor girl child. The scheme offers a higher interest rate of 7.5% per annum which will be compounded quarterly and credited into the account.

An account can be opened with minimum of Rs. 1,000 and any sum in multiples of one hundred rupees. No subsequent deposit shall be allowed in that account.

An individual may open any number of accounts subject to the maximum limit of Rs. 2,00,000 and a time gap of three months shall be maintained between the existing account and the opening of other account. Partial withdrawal up to 40% of eligible balance can be availed after the expiry of one year from the date of opening of account.

The account will mature after 2 years from the date of opening. Premature closure of the account may be permitted, any time after the completion of 6 months from the date of opening of the account for any reason and in such cases interest payable shall be two percent less than the rate specified for the scheme — 5.5%.

Nomination facility is also available for the account.

This scheme is a commendable initiative by the Government to empower women and promote their financial independence. As the scheme yields high returns on investment in a short span of 2 years, it will definitely increase women investors especially in rural areas, according to a press release from Dr. Angel Raj, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysuru Division. For details contact Ph: 0821-2417300.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 23)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Mysuru:** Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** Trade Fair, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Brindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram:** 76th Brindavana Pratishtana Vardhantyotsava Jnanasatra, discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Kapilacharya Galagali, Dharwad, Tatva Jnana Mandira, Mutt premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 24)

- **All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH):** Inauguration of 3-day short-term training programme on 'Basics of Indian Sign Language,' ZP CEO K.M. Gayithri chief guest, JSS PDA Principal B. Elangovan guest of honour, AIISH Director Prof. M. Pusphavathi presides, Seminar Hall, AIISH, **10 am.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** Sharana Darshana-100, Endowment Prog. and 'Smaraniyaru' book release, Vachana Gayana, **4.30 pm;** Dr. Sharathchandra Swamiji graces the occasion, former Chairman of Kannada Book Authority Dr. Nandeesh Hanche inaugurates and delivers lecture on 'Sharana Vedamurthy Sanganna haagu Sharana Darshana Ashaya,' Sanskrit scholar Prof. H.V. Nagaraja Rao releases the book, Sri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Brindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram:** 76th Brindavana Pratishtana Vardhantyotsava Jnanasatra, discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Kapilacharya Galagali, Dharwad, Tatva Jnana Mandira, Mutt premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**

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The Kerala Story (H)	(S-2)	10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-3)	11 am, 1.55 pm 4.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Fast X (E-3D)	(S-4)	9.30 am
	(S-1)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.30 pm 7.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Pichaikaran - 2 (Ta)	(S-4)	12.20 pm, 10.05 pm
Anuragam (Ma)	(S-3)	7.45 pm
Gandhadhagudi (K)	(S-4)	3.30 pm
Trailer Screening Show	(S-3)	10.20 am

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Pichaikkaran 2 (Ta)	:	9.50 am, 3.45 pm
Fast X (E-3D)	:	10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00 pm 7.00 pm, 9.00 pm, 10:00 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 3.10 pm 4.40 pm, 6.05 pm, 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Garuda Gamana ... (K)	:	11.00 am
Jersey Number 10 (K)	:	12.50 pm
Charles Enterprises (Ma)	:	6.55 pm
Sreemanta (K)	:	9.55 pm

Trailers Screening Show (multi language) : 2:30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

TODAY'S MATCH (MAY 23) QUALIFIER - 1

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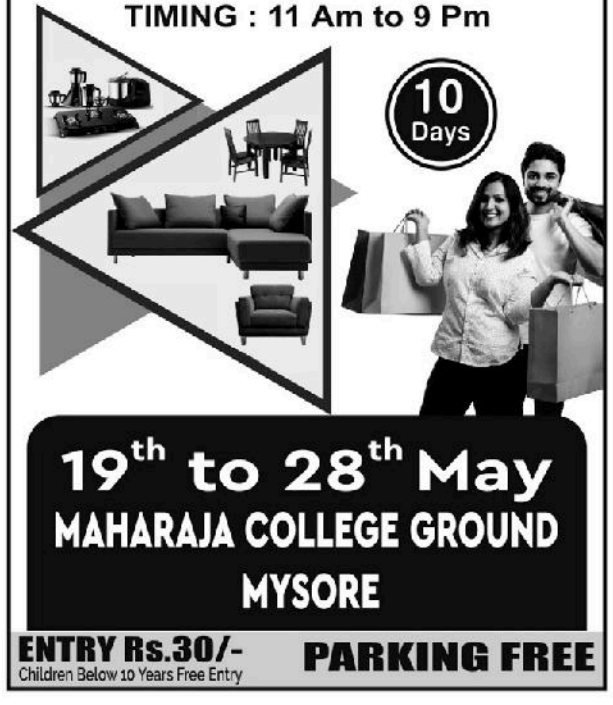

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